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NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY.

A GIGANTIC INSTITUTION BEING BUILT AT WASHINGTON.

Work begun on a building which will be the glory of the country and an ornament to the National Capital—Silk Culture in Europe—Washington News.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Librarian Spofford, who usually makes his home on the New England coast about this time of the year, is still here. He is flying, old walls coming down, mortar mixing, stones piling up, and other evidences of a great enterprise are making their appearance in the square just opposite the capitol. It is the site of the new public library, and Mr. Spofford's stay in Washington most of the summer will be for the purpose of giving his personal attention to this great enterprise, the contemplation of which has been a part of his very existence for years.

The building is to be something enormous, as is shown by the tremendous excavation being now made. There are 73,000 cubic yards to be excavated. The building is to hold about eleven million square feet of area, and will have about twenty-one thousand more square feet than the area covered by the state, war and navy departments. The reading room will be four feet larger in diameter than the rotunda of the capitol. The concrete foundations are to go in this fall, settle during the winter, and work will begin on the building next spring. Congress will appropriate as the work goes on. The present designs will accommodate 2,500,000 volumes, but whenever the time comes that more space is needed, the adjoining corridors, where at present the copyright pictures, plans, etc., will be hung, can be used for the spread of the library proper, until, if necessary, several centuries old, 8,000,000 volumes can be placed between the walls.

This building will do for generations of our natural life. J. L. Smithmeyer, the architect, is dividing his time between Washington and the seashore, keeping an eye on the work as it slowly goes on. Mr. Smithmeyer hails from Indiana, but has long made Washington his home. For fifteen years this great library at the capital has been his architectural dream. How many plans he has submitted during the ups and downs of the effort to get a starter out of congress were difficult to say. He has personally inspected and studied every library structure of consequence in the world and his professional ambition will be satisfied when he sees this finished monument to his genius.

European Crops.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The latest reports regarding the condition of the European crops are a little more favorable than when they were given in this correspondence a few weeks since. In France the grain crops have largely profited by the kindly weather. Wheat has gone in well, under favorable conditions, and the ears are filling well, but apart from this the ears are patchy and thin. In England June has justified the old superstition of the queen's weather. Sunshine was urgently demanded after the winter-spring and it came in time to practically save the crops.

Through all the vicissitudes of the season, when in Austria-Hungary has stood while rye constantly shows a falling off. At all events the cereal crops will be an improvement on last year. The government reports from all the provinces show that Russia has fared far better than western, central and southern Europe during the seedling and blooming seasons and indicates that 1887 will make up for the poor crops of the last two years. In India there is a falling off of about five per cent. in the wheat crop.

Silk Culture in Europe.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Professor Mallot, director of the silk culture station at Montpellier, France, who has been studying the French production of the raw material in 1886, reports a striking improvement in the industry during the year. The average production for the three years, 1885, 1886 and 1887, was 8,000,000 ounces of cocoons, while in 1887 the yield was 8,200,000. The average quantity of the eggs of the silk worms used in propagation in the three years' period was 345,000 ounces, but in 1887 245,000 ounces produced a much larger yield. Another fact which he brings out is that France will hereafter take the place that Japan once held as a large exporter of eggs, and he estimates that 300,000 ounces of eggs will be available for export. It appears that 133,712 persons are engaged in the industry.

ANOTHER INVITATION.

This Time It Is From Kansas City to President Cleveland.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 27.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a special train bearing the delegation which is to present to President Cleveland an invitation to visit Kansas City this fall, started out of the Union depot for St. Louis. The train, which consists of a special engine, baggage car, four Pullman sleepers and a dining car, will be run via the Missouri Pacific, Vandalia, Pan-Handle and Pennsylvania Central roads, and will reach Washington at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. There are no accidents on the line and the fastest ever made between Kansas City and Washington.

The delegation, which numbers about one hundred, is a representative one, being composed of business men and manufacturers, without respect to party, and is headed by Hon. G. H. Allen, president of the board of trade, who, with Mr. George F. Winter, will join the party at Columbus, O. Mr. Allen will deliver the address to the president. Several of the committee are accompanied by their wives and daughters. The invitation, which is beautifully illustrated, contains 21,000 names, which were obtained in seven days by five young men. Although Mr. Allen, the chairman of the committee, is a Republican, the delegation is in no sense political, as it is a representation of Kansas City business life and would require a tally to determine whether Republicans or Democrats are in the majority.

Peppered With Bird Shot.

POMEROY, O., July 27.—Clark Ours and Hagar Kesterson, neighbors on Old Town Creek, Lebanon township, got into a dispute about a line fence at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, which resulted after some quarreling in Ours opening fire on Kesterson with an old musket, putting fifty-three birds shot into him. Twenty-seven shots were found in Kesterson's arm, and the balance were sprinkled all over his person. His injuries are not necessarily fatal. Clark Ours' brother joined in the battle, and fired his revolver three times at Kesterson, but his poor marksmanship proved to be Kesterson's fortune. The latter returned the fire twice, but he also missed his mark. Clark Ours has skipped out.

Quadruplets.

NEW YORK, July 27.—A special to the Herald from Memphis, says: "Mrs. Richard Greenlaw, residing near the corner of Vance and Desoto streets, last night gave birth to four children. The mother and babes are doing well, and the physicians state that the quadruplets are remarkably healthy and well developed."

BRUTAL BODILY.

Two Women and Two Men Fearfully Wounded, Apparently Without Cause.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 27.—A cutting affray surrounded by circumstances mysterious occurred at 9 o'clock last night in the notorious saloon kept by Alfred Reed, better known as "French John," at 299 Market street. The principals in the bloody affair are John Leonard and wife, William Reynolds and wife and the wife of St. John. Leonard and wife were engaged in conversation with Mrs. Legendre, when Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds approached and addressed the parties seated in a very gruff manner. Reynolds, at the same time drawing a bowie-knife from his pocket and making a lunge for Leonard, sunk the weapon in his breast, inflicting a ghastly wound from which the blood flowed in torrents. He struck the prostrated man three times across the head and face, and left the victim with the thought that he had accomplished his murderous purpose.

The women were next attacked, and before any one could interfere he shot Mrs. Legendre in the abdomen, producing a wound that will likely result in death. Mrs. Leonard also suffered horrible injuries, having the right ear completely severed from her head. During the disturbance French John was struck over the nose with a club in the hands of the assassin Reynolds, which fracturing that member into six pieces. At this juncture Officers Healer and Chapman arrived on the scene and placed Reynolds under arrest. He was shortly afterward seen at the jail by a reporter, and asked regarding the frightful occurrence. He declined to make any statement, claiming that he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

The wounded people are now lying in residence adjoining the saloon. Dr. McBride is of the opinion that Mrs. Legendre's injuries will prove fatal. The remaining wounded people will doubtless recover.

Fatally Struck by Her Stepldaughter.

WICHITA, Kan., July 27.—Mrs. Joseph Denitt, a wealthy lady of this city, was probably fatally stabbed about 9 o'clock last night by her stepdaughter, Mollie Denitt, of Hot Springs, Ark. Miss Denitt is a daughter of Denitt by his first wife, and upon her coming to Wichita Mrs. Denitt refused her admission to the house. Yesterday morning Miss Denitt, accompanied by a young man, drove up to the house, and, upon Mrs. Denitt coming to the door, drew a knife and stabbed her twenty times in the breast, face, neck and arms. She will probably die. The assassin had not been arrested at last account.

Cut in Two by a Car.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 27.—Lewis Penna, a laborer at the Ohio Falls Car works, was run over yesterday afternoon and his body cut in two. He was engaged in unloading a completed car with some workmen when an obstruction was set ahead on the track. Penna went forward to remove it. As he stooped to pick it up a block of wood dropped from a shafting above, and striking him on the head he fell insensible across the rail. Before the car could be stopped the wheels had crashed across his breast and he was instantaneous. He leaves a wife and child.

A Young Girl's Deadly Dose.

IRONTON, O., July 27.—Nellie Wolbert, a young girl fifteen years of age, and the daughter of Curtis Wolbert, a veteran soldier, died this morning of a mysterious circumstance. She retired in her usual happy mood last night, and was found at midnight bruised from a fall from her bed, and unconscious. A bottle of laudanum, which had been procured for medical purposes, was found nearby empty, and the family surmised that she took a dose to make her sleep, as she had seen her elders do, and got too much.

A Dash for Liberty.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 27.—Three of the nine prisoners in the Whitley county jail, at Columbus City, twenty-five miles west of Fort Wayne, made a bold break for liberty last evening. When the jailer passed in a bucket of water for the night, he was knocked down and tied hand and foot. Two robbers, Yorkley and Downey, escaped and are now at large. Collins, the ring-leader of the jail-breakers, was held by the turkey, who rendered prompt assistance, and thus baffled the plans for a general jail delivery.

Jacob Sharp's Last Chance.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Judge Potter's chambers in the supreme court are packed to the doors this morning in expectation of the eloquent speech from Bourke Cochran in behalf of Jacob Sharp and on motion to make permanent the stay of proceedings granted in the case of the venerable briber. This is Sharp's last hope, and should the motion be denied he will be taken to Sing Sing forthwith. In legal circles a favorable decision is hardly looked upon as among the possibilities.

A Baby Saviour.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., July 27.—Yesterday afternoon ex-Marshall Huth took his wife and baby in a skiff and went fishing. The narrow boat got out and left the baby alone. Swells from a passing steamer floated the skiff away, and before Mr. Huth was aware the boat was over a hundred yards away. The little toddler stood up in the boat, cowering and clapping his hands, while the poor parents on the bank were nearly distracted. A passing skiff was finally hailed and the drifting boat and child overtaken.

Reward for McGargle.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Sheriff Matson has caused a circular to be printed offering on his own account, a reward of \$2,500 for the capture of McGargle. McGargle, who had charge of the printing of the circular, which appeared this morning at 10 o'clock. The circular will be sent to all the principal cities of the country. Nothing has yet been heard of the fugitive. Detectives are at work and they expect to learn something within the next two days.

Attacked With an Ax.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 27.—Joseph Newbauer, thirty-five years of age, was nearly killed yesterday by his stepfather, Anton Arnes, attacking him with an ax. After knocking him down with the back of the ax he sank the blade deep in his skull. Arnes was pulled off and taken to jail by the police. Newbauer was taken home in an unconscious condition, and is still insensible, with no hopes of recovery. He is unmarried.

Eighty-Two Indictments to Answer.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 27.—Charles and George Collins and George Collins arrived in the city from Memphis in company with Constable Kirk yesterday evening, and were placed in the county jail on the charge of violating the liquor law. Collins is the proprietor of the far-famed "Black Hills" saloon, in which innumerable men have met horrible fates. He has eighty-two indictments to answer.

New Railroad at Seymour, Ind.

SEYMOUR, Ind., July 27.—Articles of association of the Seymour, Brownstown, Vinton & Orleans railroad have been filed, with an extension to Evansville. It has a backing of \$200,000 for the insuring of the project. Books have been opened all along the route for subscriptions.

GATHERING AT TOLEDO.

THE OHIO REPUBLICANS MEETING IN STATE CONVENTION.

The Most Important Business Is Whether Senator Sherman Shall or Shall Not Be Endorsed for the Presidency in 1888.

What the Platform Will Contain.

TOLEDO, O., July 27.—Congressmen Kennedy and Remeis were the most conspicuous of the arrivals this morning, in advance of the Republican State convention. The former, who is an enthusiastic Shermanite, had made a hurried trip from South St. Marie, as a result of advice that his presence was needed in behalf of his chief. Remeis, on the other hand, while a supporter of the senator, thinks that the proposed endorsement of his claims for the presidency is inopportune, and does not hesitate to say so right out in meeting. "This is Foraker's year," he says, "and the governor ought to have the full benefit of his boom, without the canvass being hampered with a factional fight between the friends of rival candidates for the chief magistracy."

There are very great many of Sherman's friends who hold these views, and it would not be surprising if some efforts were made to bring him over to the same way of thinking. He has only to say the word and the matter will be dropped, but his opponents have injected so much bitterness into the fight and the issue has been made so pronounced that it is hardly probable that he will be willing to back down at this late day. The senator was the recipient of a popular ovation upon his arrival here, and Governor Foraker, who is in the morning, will be given such a reception as few men have received at the hands of the citizens of Toledo.

According to the present program, Senator Sherman will be the permanent chairman of the convention. His platform will include a red-hot protection plank, a demand for a sweeping invalid pension bill and a denunciation of the National administration. It will also endorse the Dow law and favor the extension of its local option features so as to include townships as well as villages; denounce the coercion act, and express sympathy with the Irish people in their struggle for self-government, and wind up with a plank expressive of the sympathy of the party with the laboring element in their efforts to obtain a just reward for its toil.

The administration of Governor Foraker will, of course, be endorsed in the most eulogistic terms, and the rebel flag incident may be alluded to. This episode, by the way, has been seized upon as a kind of campaign cry, and a white satin badge with a very fine picture of the governor above the quotation from his celebrated dispatch, "No rebel flags shall be returned while I am governor," has been provided for every delegate.

The main contest over offices is for state senate, with Col. Foraker, making some headway, but not continuing in the lead. His name will be presented by Congressman Boothman, the one-legged soldier who beat Bill Hill. An enormous amount of telegraphing has been going on to fix up slates for the committee on elections. Every influence which can be brought here has been sent for.

Mrs. General Logan Quite Serious.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 27.—A message to Commander Sweetser, of the department of Illinois O. A. R., received from Dr. Roberts, chief of the medical staff, says: "Mrs. Logan's injury is very serious. To-day for the first time since her injury she was turned upon her right side, with soft pads under her injured left arm. Her left shoulder was crushed by the wheel of the buggy running over it. The whole arm to the elbow is blackened from bruises, and the hand to the wrist is slightly injured. Her head was stepped upon on its top and left a hole, the horse's shoe tearing the scalp loose in a concentric shape, making a wound three and a half inches in length to the skull. The skull is uninjured. She has suffered exceeding pain at the shoulder and along the course of the arm. We rejoice to say she is improving in every respect."

Strike Feared in the Hooking Valley.

NELSONVILLE, O., July 27.—The operators of the Hooking Valley mines have posted a notice that after August 1st they will work on a monthly instead of semi-monthly. This has caused great dissatisfaction among the miners, and a general strike is threatened. John McBride addressed a large miners' meeting here last night, denounced the monthly pay system and urged the miners to strike. The meeting was held in the Columbus board of arbitration. McBride recommended the Hooking Valley miners, and he characterized them as the most troublesome in the state. Great uneasiness is felt throughout this section over the situation. John McBride is still here consulting with both sides and endeavoring to effect a reconciliation.

Trouble Feared at Morehead.

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 27.—Hon. Z. T. Young, Jr., and his friend, the postmaster of Morehead, were here yesterday for the purpose of trying to get the governor to send troops to Morehead during the sitting of the Kentucky county court, which convenes on the second day of August, instead of the second Monday, as has been stated. Allie and Will Young, sons of Z. T. Young, Jr., are to be tried during the ensuing term for being accessory to the murder of the two Logan boys, a few weeks before the Tollivers were killed, and Mr. Young is afraid his boys will be fully dealt with, should they be sent there for trial without protection from the state.

A Spoon Taken From a Man's Stomach.

CINCINNATI, July 27.—Dr. R. W. Walker, of No. 96 East Eighth street, assisted by Surgeon John A. Murphy, removed a teaspoon from the stomach of Andrew J. Devin on Sunday. The man has been a sword-swallower, and about four years ago swallowed a spoon on a wager. Recently intense pains set in and he came to the Cincinnati hospital for treatment. The stomach was cut open and the spoon easily found and nestled among the intestines. It was removed, and the patient is now doing well and suffering but slightly.

Three Men Drowned.

GALENA, Ill., July 27.—John H. Thomas, Walter Hobbie and Clinton Thomas, three young men of a party from Hazel Green, Wis., who passed through Galena for Crooked Slough, near the mouth of the Galena river, to go into camp, were drowned yesterday afternoon in the Mississippi, at Smith's ferry, by being drawn into the eddy while bathing. A large party has gone in search for the bodies.

Methodist Summer Resort in Indiana.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., July 27.—The Methodist of the New Albany district have purchased 144 acres of land adjoining West Baden Springs, Orange county, upon which they will open an encampment similar to that of Chautauque. There are fine mineral springs on the tract. Work upon the encampment, which is charmingly located, will be commenced soon.

PROMINENT KENTUCKIAN DEAD.

Dr. E. D. Standiford, of Louisville, Succumbs to the Ravages of Heat.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 27.—Dr. E. D. Standiford, candidate to succeed Senator Beck in the United States senate, died at an early hour this morning. The death was most unexpected. Dr. Standiford had been quite ill for a week, but was thought to be improving yesterday. His illness was brought on by the extreme heat of last week. Deceased was fifty-six years old, hale, hearty and robust, and had been making a very active canvass against Senator Beck. He was ex-president of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, ex-president of the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Bridge company, a farmer on a large scale, a dictator in the Farmers and Grocers' bank in this city, the wealthiest man in Louisville or Jefferson county and one of the wealthiest men in the state.

Dr. Standiford's marriage to Miss Lorena Lee Scott at Paducah, Ky., July 7, is still fresh in the reading public's memory. The marriage was the outcome of a four weeks courtship. Standiford having first seen Miss Scott at a Japanese fan party in a church festivity. Miss Scott was but twenty-five years old and was the daughter of a leading merchant of Paducah. She was Mr. Standiford's third wife. The wedding was a brilliant affair, and the young bride, a widow before the honeymoon was half done, is the object of the entire city's condolence.

OIL PRODUCERS ORGANIZING.

Movement Toward Relinquishing Themselves From the Standard Oil Company.

PINDLAY, O., July 27.—The oil producers of the Northwestern Ohio field, to the number of fifty, met here to discuss the price of crude petroleum, and passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the producers of the Northwestern Ohio field should from the 1st of August next, refuse to sell oil in any quantity to any purchasing agent for a less price than twenty-five cents a barrel."

Then it was resolved to call a general mass convention of oil producers to discuss the situation. This call was issued last evening, and it is to the effect that every oil producer and refiner and owner in the Northwestern Ohio is invited to meet in the wigwam in Pindlay on Tuesday, August 2, to discuss ways and means for protecting their business from the certain ruin which awaits them at the present prices for crude petroleum, and to find new markets for their products. This movement is but the beginning of a movement which has for its object emancipation from the Standard Oil company, and is fraught with much interest to oil producers throughout the country.

An Insane Immigrant.

BOSTON, July 27.—Capt. Parry, of the steamship Bulgarian at this port said to-day when the steamer was one day out from Liverpool, a man who had shipped as a returning cattle man under the name of George Gilbert, announced to Capt. Parry, in the presence of the chief and second officers, that his name was John Rosta, and that he was a murderer, having slain his daughter, Mary Jane, in Liverpool. He was put in irons immediately and so held until his arrival here. On arriving in Boston the captain reported the matter to the British consul. It is the opinion of the British consul that Rosta is insane, and the consul declined to take any action in the matter. He claims it is not his jurisdiction because the story lacks confirmation. The alien commissioner has notified Capt. Parry that as the man is likely to become a burden on the city he is to be deported from landing him.

Remanded to Jail.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Filomon Zebawski, who was arrested on board the incoming steamer Champagne Saturday night charged with abducting with 151,225 guilders or florins (\$75,000) from the Austrian government, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Lynch and remanded to jail. Zebawski was a clerk in the postoffice at Vienna and stole the amount stated there.

Counterfeit Silver Certificates.

CHICAGO, July 27.—The new silver certificates with Hancock vignettes are being raised and circulated as \$10 certificates. Friday night two women of suspicious appearance passed one of the false notes upon Charles Bellman, a fruit dealer at No. 123 North Halsted street, and an attempt to pass another was made at a neighboring grocery. No arrests have been made.

Elopers Arrested.

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—James Gorham and Mrs. James Dewey, of Springfield, Mass., were arrested by the police here to-day at the instance of Mrs. Gorham, who charges that the couple eloped from Springfield last Wednesday. Gorham was engaged on the Boston & Albany railroad, and Mrs. Dewey is the wife of a Springfield carpenter.

He Took Him In.

MANCHESTER, O., July 27.—Last night Henry Thomas, a farmer living near here, allowed a stranger to stay over night in his house. When he arose in the morning he learned that his pocket-book, containing \$1,500 in money and notes, was missing; also that the stranger had skipped. The officers are on his trail.

Blinded With a Cornstalk.

BRAIN, Ind., July 27.—At two young men, sons of Isaac M. Wood, Indiana, the former buried a last year's cornstalk at the latter. The sharpened end struck and penetrated the right eye, entirely destroying it, and inflicting a deep and dangerous wound.

Appropriated County Bonds.

LOUISVILLE, July 27.—C. J. Little, a Breathitt county lumber merchant, was arrested here last night at the instance of Marion Childers, an Indiana contractor, who charges that Little made way with \$1,500 worth of county bonds that he gave him to sell.

Receiver Appointed.

NEW YORK, July 27.—James E. Purcell has been appointed receiver of the Town Topic Publishing company, by Judge Donohue, of the supreme court, brought by the attorney general for the corporation, on the ground of insolvency.

Dies of His Wounds.

CINCINNATI, July 27.—John Ellis, the young colored man shot by Dan Cox on Sixth street, near Smith, Saturday midnight, died at the hospital at 7:55 a. m. from the effects. The shooter has evaded arrest.

ENGLAND AND TURKEY.

RESULT OF THE ANGLO-TURKISH CONVENTION FAILURE.

The Old Reciprocal Interests Between England and Turkey Can Never Be Wholly Restored—Germany Preparing for War—Various Other Foreign News.

LONDON, July 27.—Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, the negotiator of the unsuccessful Anglo-Turkish convention for the administration of affairs in Egypt, said in an interview in Paris yesterday that he did not think the lapse of the treaty would have the effect to interfere with the relations between England and Turkey. This may be true, but it is inconceivable that England can retain the same relations with the sultan's government that existed before the Porte repudiated its all but consummated agreement at the behest of two powerful not over friendly to Great Britain in any circumstances, and in pursuance of their European policy, positively hostile to her.

The remark attributed to Sir Henry may have been uttered with a view of letting himself down easy and probably was so intended, but time will show that the relations between Great Britain and Turkey are very much altered, so much so, indeed, that the old tie which held them together in reciprocal interest can never be wholly restored. England was friendly to Turkey for purely selfish reasons, and Turkey made a show of amity toward England for the same reason. England for many years has acted as the sultan's pawnbroker, and no pawnbroker has ever been more exacting. Nearly every pledge that Turkey has hypothecated has been forfeited because of the exorbitant rates charged and conditions extorted, and it is the effort to force a forfeiture of the last and most valuable pledge that has ruptured the relations between the English usurer and the Turkish client beyond repair and transferred the sultan's borrowing operations to another field.

Exactly what inducements have been offered by France are not quite clear, but there is a well founded suspicion that a new Turkish loan will soon make its appearance in the financial centers of France. As for Russia's part in the transaction, which relieved the Porte of England's usurious exactions, it requires no deep penetration into affairs to reach the conclusion that she didn't offer any pecuniary inducements. Russia is as sadly in need of ready money as Turkey is, but she is in a position always to reassure the sultan and make him in most respects quite as happy as a new loan could make him, by simply keeping her hands off the possessions of the Porte. There is no reason to suppose that Turkey is in a better position as regards the integrity of the Ottoman empire, and that the chances of her becoming involved in war are far less than at any time within the last ten years.

In spite of the assurance of Sir Henry to the contrary it is difficult to see that Turkey has not totally cut her losses from England and reaped the fruits of her policy. There is no doubt that Turkey is in a better position as regards the integrity of the Ottoman empire, and that the chances of her becoming involved in war are far less than at any time within the last ten years.

National League Convention.

DUBLIN, July 27.—A National League convention was held at Newry, yesterday, sixty delegates and quite a number of priests being present. Resolutions were unanimously passed committing the league to the policy of treating as a leper any traitor who should testify in a court under the crimes act, and declaring that if the league were proclaimed its members would use every conceivable strategy to continue the meetings of the organization in fields, streets or houses, at any hour of the night, or at any other time when the holding of a meeting should be possible.

Eight Hundred Lives Lost.

LONDON, July 27.—The reported loss of the steamer Sir John Lawrence in the Bay of Bengal recently, has been confirmed. The vessel sunk in the worst cyclone felt in the Red Indies for twenty years. The storm raged for three days. The Sir John Lawrence was wrecked at the Temple of Jagannath at Puni, and had on 750 pilgrims, representing the best families in Calcutta, and fifty officers and crew—800 all told. Not one escaped. Scarcely a native family in Calcutta that does not mourn the loss of a relative.

Twenty-Two Boilers Explode.

BERLIN, July 27.—An explosion occurred in a blast furnace works at Friedenshuth, Silesia, with very disastrous results. In the works there were twenty-two steam boilers, one or more of which exploded, demolishing the others, and killing two and wounding more or less, severely, twenty persons. Fire broke out in the buildings wrecked by the explosion, and extended to others, consuming six houses and shops.

Strength of the National League.

COKE, July 27.—The mayor presided over a public meeting of the National League yesterday evening, and in the course of a speech declared that the cause of the league would proceed in spite of coercion. If they were unable to hold public meetings they would hold them privately. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and resolutions embodying the sentiments expressed by the mayor were unanimously passed.

American Knights Templars in London.

LONDON, July 27.—The Baldwin precinct, of Bristol, gave a banquet to the American Knights Templars in London last night, upon which occasion Sir Knight Charles Meyer, of Philadelphia, presented to Col. MacLver the honorary commander-ship of the order.

Russia-Afghan Question Settled.

LONDON, July 27.—In the house of lords yesterday evening Lord Salisbury announced the settlement of the Russian-Afghan frontier question, by the provisions of which the annex of Afghanistan retains the district of Khamiala.

Protesting Against the Crimes Act.

LONDON, July 27.—A protest against the enforcement of the crimes act has been issued by Earl Granville, which bears the signatures of thirty-eight Liberal peers, including Lords Spencer, Rosebery and Kimberley.

O'Brien to be Prosecuted.

DUBLIN, July 27.—The Irish executive has advised the prosecution of William O'Brien for his speech at Luggasurran, yesterday, in which he is alleged to have incited the people to defiance of the crimes act.

Germany Preparing for War.

BERLIN, July 27.—The government has completed the strengthening of the forts around Cologne. It is stated that the entire infantry will be armed with repeating rifles by October 1.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS.

The Highest Water Ever Known in New England.

DOVER, N. H., July 26.—All the rivers in this part of the State are higher now than ever known before. The frohest in the Lamprey river, New Market, this morning carried away a large part of the old dam of the New Market cotton-mills, also the foundation of No. 1, picker-mills. The engines and derrick constructing the new dam were swept away. The loss can not be estimated at present. A dispatch from South Berwick says five members of a fire engine company there and a horse while en route to a fire Saturday night were prostrated by lightning, the men being insensible for some time and one of them having his feet burned. The rivers are all still rising.

At Nashua.

NASHUA, N. H., July 26.—The storm which cleared off last night has been unprecedented in this vicinity, and the Nashua river has risen very fast during the night and is rapidly increasing in volume. The rainfall for the past forty-eight hours was nearly eight inches. Sunday's rainfall was the greatest ever known. There is a 500-foot washout on the Cheshire railroad two miles below Pittsfield.

At Port Jarvis.

PORT JARVIS, N. Y., July 26.—At 7:30 o'clock last night a washout occurred on the Erie road near here. The east track was carried away just as a train loaded with cheese was passing. Twenty-one cars were totally wrecked. The engine and several cars passed.

At Greenfield.

GREENFIELD, Mass., July 26.—The frohest has swept away the iron railroad bridge at Erving. All railroad traffic has been suspended. At Great Harrington the dam was washed away and a man drowned.

One Man Drowned.

BOSTON, July 26.—A Great Barrington dispatch says that the report of eighteen lives lost by flood yesterday was incorrect. One man, Charles Drum, was drowned. Many bridges and dams were washed out and mills undermined.

HUNG BY A MOB.

Lee Shellenberger Taken from the Nebraska Jail and Hung.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 27.—Lee Shellenberger, who was in jail here under sentence of death for fatally beating his nine-year-old girl last fall, was lynched Sunday morning. The party which did the work was composed of determined farmers from the vicinity of Shellenberger's former home. They organized a committee, consisting of the city, and at about 1:30 a. m. marched to the jail. The guards were entirely taken by surprise and were easily overcome. A number of the mob surrounded the court house square, standing guard while others entered the building and tried to batter in the iron door on the south side of the jail, but it resisted so firmly that the sheriff's office, which is situated directly over the prisoner's cell, was broken into and an opening forced through the door, which consumed nearly half an hour, until the cell was reached.

At 3:30 a shout told that the crowd had secured Shellenberger, and a minute afterward he was brought out of the front door, apparently half carried and half pushed. Some one was in a tree immediately in front of the court house. In an instant the rope was ready. Shellenberger seemed incapable of speech. Then there was a shout, a long pull and the body was dangling in the air.

Through a Trestle.

PITTSBURGH, July 26.—The West Newton Accommodation, which left the Baltimore & Ohio depot at 8:30 a. m., was wrecked through an open switch at Scott's Siding (trestle work, about fifteen feet long), this city, almost completely wrecking the train. Engineer J. J. Moore, in jumping, landed too close to the engine and was fatally burned by the escaping steam. He also had an arm and leg broken by flying timbers and received serious internal injuries. Two sisters, Maggie and Katie Gilhooly, jumped from the rear platform of the train to the street below, the former had a leg broken in two places and was badly bruised, while the other received internal injuries that make her recovery extremely doubtful. Four other passengers and the fireman were slightly injured.

Charged With Train Wrecking.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 26.—George H. Whitney, a locomotive engineer, was arrested here yesterday by Detective Frank Tull, charged with wrecking a Missouri Pacific train near Independence in the spring of 1886, while the great southwest strike was in progress. Whitney is charged with a deliberate attempt to wreck a passenger train which was frustrated by reason of an extra freight, of which the wreckers knew nothing, being put on ahead of the passenger. Whitney came here a few days ago from Birmingham, Ala., where he had been charged with burglary. He denies all knowledge of the wreck. Other arrests are expected.

Forged Pension Draft.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 26.—While in Washington Oscar J. Harvey, the defaulting treasury official, acted as the attorney for Mrs. Brownson, and secured for her a pension amounting to over \$1,700. The draft for the money was made out at the sub-treasury in Philadelphia, and signed by Andrew A. Rees, of the National Bank, Commissioner of Pension. Brownson was led to believe that the pension was secured by fraudulent means, and on Saturday he sent Special Officer Birtsey here to notify the banks not to cash the draft. The draft was found in the possession of Miss E. Harvey, a sister of the forger.

British Government Quarantines.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 26.—It will be a matter of important interest to United States exporters of horses, cattle and swine into Manitoba, the Northwest territories and British Columbia, to know that the dominion government has issued quarantine regulations which prescribe absolute rules for the transportation in those sections of the country of any cattle except for breeding purposes, and they only to be imported subject to the most stringent quarantine inspection. All horses and hogs will be subject to twenty-one days quarantine.

Father and Son Drowned.

Snow Hill, Md., July 26.—Capt. Job Johnson and his ten-year-old son were drowned at Pocomoke City yesterday. Capt. Johnson, with the boy in his arms, attempted to jump from the draw bridge to his schooner in the Pocomoke river. He miscalculated the distance, and they were plunged into the river.

Suicide on Account of Business Troubles.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 26.—Lars Woodmansee, for thirty years one of the proprietors of the Grant House, this city, committed suicide at his home, just across the river, this morning, while suffering from mental aberration caused by business troubles.

Died at the Age of 113.

HAYDENVILLE, O., July 26.—Joseph Cheshire died here on Saturday evening, aged 113 years. He was the oldest man in this part of the state.